

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why would obtaining this information be beyond the ability of an interim study to achieve?

SENATOR ABOUD: I am not sure why the Department of Revenue, when I made a request of the Department of Revenue for this information, they told me that they could not provide this information to the Legislature without some cost, and this was the cost of it. So I am relying upon what the Department of Revenue told me.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Members of the Legislature, another thing we need to look at is the relationship between these agencies and the Legislature. When we fund them, there is a job they are to do, and they should have information or be able to develop it. Does this mean every time we make a request, we've got to pay some money for it? I don't think that is good policy, and then to now talk about what Senator Wickersham touched on, there should be, if this is to be done, you are going to ante-up this blood money, this extortion money. Let it be generalized so that all types of information are available, and then the information is there. But for this amendment that Senator Abboud is asking us to adopt, I think it would be unwise for us to adopt it under the circumstances that have been presented to us. But I am going to try to get him to answer something categorically, if I can. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If whether or not LB 945 is pursued is dependent on the obtaining of the information that we are going to pay \$18,000 for if your amendment is successful, what in the world need is there to retain LB 945? You can't...it makes no sense to say you have to have this information before you can act, but you still want to have the bill there to do something with before you get the information.

SENATOR ABOUD: I guess if the amendment isn't adopted, LB 945 won't come up, and we've looked at how...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yeah, but I am saying if it is adopted.

SENATOR ABOUD: Well, let me...can I answer your question. If, originally when I looked at...we looked at LB 945 and the cost involved with it, and wondering whether or not to pursue the